

Ad Hoc Committee on Naming of Streets and Building  
August 5, 2015

1. Call to Order

Chair Bill Ryan called the special meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Naming of Streets and Buildings to order at 5:00 p.m. in Room C of the Audrey P. Beck Building.  
Present: Mr. Ryan, Mr. Kegler and Mr. Marcellino

2. Opportunity for the Public to Speak

Mr. Favretti was asked by the Chair to participate in Item 4, Review and Consideration of Potential Names.

3. Approval of July 6, 2015 Minutes

Mr. Marcellino moved and Mr. Kegler seconded to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2015 minutes, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Review and Consideration of Potential Names

Committee members discussed the names under consideration. Mary Dunham, one of the signers of the originating charter, was eliminated because Dunham Pond Road has already been named in honor of Mary Dunham and her family and the Fire Chief expressed concern that the name Mary Dunham Drive was too similar to the existing street name. Local composer Alice Savin Davis's name is also too similar to an existing street. Susannah Wade, the other female signer of the originating charter, was a member of the Cross family which already has a Storrs Center street named in their honor.

Mr. Favretti expressed his support for Elsie Marsh, the Mansfield Library Association's first librarian. Mr. Favretti highlighted the contributions Ms. Marsh made to the Town's literacy including a number of forward thinking outreach programs and a well-respected treatise she authored in 1933 titled, MANSFIELD CENTER LIBRARY: A CASE STUDY OF THE LIBRARY IN A RURAL NEW ENGLAND TOWN.

The Town Clerk will ask Chief Dagon to review Elsie Marsh Drive.

Mr. Kegler moved and Mr. Marcellino seconded to recommend the name Elsie Marsh Drive to the Council.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Kegler seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m.  
The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Stanton  
Town Clerk